

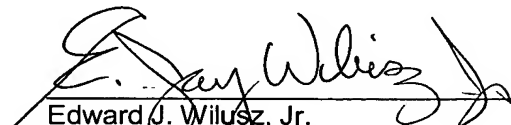
REMARKS

A new set of claims is submitted in order to eliminate multiple dependencies and to better conform to U.S. practice. The new claims are supported by the original claims. Claims 1, 2, and 4 are further supported by the language in the fifth paragraph on page 3. Claim 5 is further supported by the language in the sixth paragraph on page 3.

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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